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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Raymon F. THOMPSON
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FOR: **SINGLE WORKPIECE PROCESSING
SYSTEM**

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**Transmittal of Continuation-in-Part Patent Application
for Filing Under 37 CFR §1.53(b)**Mail Stop Patent Application
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application by inventor(s): Raymon F. THOMPSON, Jeffry A. DAVIS, Randy HARRIS, Dana R. SCRANTON, Ryan PFEIFLE, Steven L. PEACE, and Brian AEGERTER and entitled:

SINGLE WORKPIECE PROCESSING SYSTEM1. Enclosed are:

- ☒ This Transmittal letter.
- ☒ One stamped, self-addressed postcard for PTO datestamp.
- ☒ Certificate of Express Mail.
- ☒ One utility patent application containing text pages 1-38 and
 - ☒ 17 Sheets of drawings.
- ☒ Inventorship Declaration by Joint Inventors.
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2. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:

- ☒ An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

3. U.S. Priority:

- ☒ This Application is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/202,074, filed July 23, 2002 and now pending, which is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/437,711, filed November 10, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,423,642, which is a Continuation-In-Part and U.S. National Phase of International Patent Application No. PCT/US99/05676, filed March 15, 1999, published in English and designating the United States, and claiming priority to U.S. Patent Application Nos. 60/116,750, filed January 23, 1999 and 60/117,474, filed January 27, 1999. PCT/US99/05676 is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/113,435, filed July 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,264,752, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/041,901, filed March 13, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,350,319. This Application also claims priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/476,786, filed June 6, 2003 and now pending.

4. Entity Status:

- ☒ Large entity status applies to this application.

5. Fees:

The filing fees have been calculated as follows:

For:	(Col. 1) No. Filed	(Col. 2) No. Extra	Large Entity	
			Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$ 770.00
Total Claims	23 - 20	3	x \$ 18 =	\$ 54.00
Independent Claims	6 - 3	3	x \$ 86 =	\$ 258.00
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Assignment Recordal Fee				\$ 40.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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